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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

**DONNA G. ALBERTSON, DANIEL PINKEL,
COLIN COLLINS, JOE W. GRAY and
BAUKE YSTRA**

Application No.: **09/285,292**

Filed: **04/02/1999**

For: **CYP24 EXPRESSION LEVEL AS A
MARKER FOR PREDISPOSITION TO
CANCER (as amended herein)**

Examiner: A. Harris

Art Unit: 1642

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;
- 2) Exhibit A: Cytochroma, Inc. Cancer program description (<http://www.cytochroma.com/TACan24.html>);
- 3) Exhibit B: Tanaka *et al.* (2004) *Ann. Oncol.*, 15(2): 236-241.

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.